

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1332 – SB 1150

April 4, 2011

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (005516): Deletes the original bill. Requires that no child who has been found to be a victim of severe child abuse shall be returned to the custody of any person who engaged in or knowingly failed to protect the child from the abuse. Requires the court to file written findings of fact within 30 days of the close of the hearing or if an appeal or petition for certiorari is filed, within five days after the entry of the order without the consent of the Department of Children’s Services and the petitioner. Deletes the requirement that the court consider reports and recommendations from the Commissioner of DCS, a physician, or a multi-disciplinary protective team. Adds the words “serious bodily harm” to the definition of severe child abuse.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$54,187,900

Increase Federal Expenditures - \$34,863,100

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumption applied to amendment:

- Deleting the requirement that courts consider recommendations on placement from various individuals and adding the words “serious bodily harm” to the definition of severe child abuse will have no fiscal impact on state or local government. No decrease in the number of court cases or in the number of children in DCS custody.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "White" clearly legible, and a middle initial "W." in between.

James W. White, Executive Director

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